MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

APRIL 17, 2018

INVOCATION:
Pastor Joel Arreola of Santa Maria Foursquare Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Boysen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Human Resources & Records Anderson, Fire Chief Champion, Police Chief Hansen, Director of Finance Harvey, Planning Division Manager Hostetter, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works Kahn, Director of Community Development Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Posada, Assistant City Attorney Sinco, Director of Utilities Springer, Assistant City Manager Wiemiller, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. PROCLAMATION – COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE "COMMITTED WEEK"
Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing April 23-27, 2018, as "Committed Week", established by the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Britt Stanley, Director of North County Operations, Adriana Almazan, and Stephen Thompson accepted the Proclamation.

B. PROCLAMATION - FAIR HOUSING MONTH
Councilmember Moats presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2018 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Santa Maria. Keira Cumberland, of Legal Aid Foundation, accepted the Proclamation.

Councilmember Waterfield invited Police Sergeant Vega, along with Officers Salas and Torres, to introduce the Santa Maria Police Explorers in the audience, and give an update on the City's Police Explorer Program, their recent activities, and competitions.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
Anna Cremarosa, representing Santa Maria Business Development Center (SMBDC), spoke about "Made in Santa Maria" a new program that celebrates all things manufactured, produced, and grown in the Santa Maria Valley. She invited everyone to attend the exhibits and reception on Friday, April 20, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mark Rademaker spoke about his religious beliefs and guns.

Ernest Armenta spoke about the upcoming elections for Council seats.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Mayor Patino pulled Item 3J to allow the new Transit Contractor to introduce himself.

<u>3J – Operations and Maintenance Contract for Bus Service & Maintenance</u>
Robert Smith, representing RATP DEV USA, introduced himself and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Mayor Patino announced that two years ago Governor Brown signed legislation requiring the City Council to orally report a summary of any Council action on salaries, salary schedules, or fringe benefits for Executive Managers. Pursuant to Government Code 54953(c)(3), as part of Consent Agenda Item 3C, is a recommendation to approve a salary and benefit package for the Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees, as well as the Public Safety Managers.

The Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees consist of division managers, department heads, the City Manager, and the City Attorney. The benefit package before the City Council calls for Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees to pay two (2%) percent of the City's share of the CalPERS retirement costs. In recognition of this, employees will receive a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment and a flexible work schedule.

The Public Safety Managers consist of the Police and Fire Chiefs and their Command staff. The one year benefit package before the City Council calls for employees to pay the full nine percent (9%) of the employee's share of CalPERS retirement costs. In recognition of this, the Public Safety Managers will receive a ten and one half percent (10.5%) cost-of-living adjustment.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3J were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of April 3, 2018, were approved as submitted.

C. EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS & CONTRACTS
Resolution No. 2018-27 was adopted approving an amendment to and extension of the current Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Maria Police Association of Middle Management.

Resolution No. 2018-27 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT AND AN EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SANTA MARIA POLICE ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT.

Resolution No. 2018-28 was adopted approving a wage and benefit packages for the Public Safety Managers.

Resolution No. 2018-28 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGERS.

Resolution No. 2018-29 was adopted approving a wage and benefit packages for the Non-Represented Management and Confidential Employees.

Resolution No. 2018-29 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE NON-REPRESENTED FULL-TIME MANAGEMENT & CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.

D. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 213370 to 213637 totaling $2,150,876.11 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance. Warrant Nos. 205728, 205921, and 208799 were cancelled.

E. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

F. LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FUNDING
Resolution No. 2018-30 was adopted approving the execution of the Certifications and Assurances, and authorized Agent document for Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funding for the Transit Fleet Electrification and Infrastructure Project, and approving receipt of FY 2017/18 LCTOP funding in the amount of $150,828.

Resolution No. 2018-30 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FOR THE TRANSIT FLEET ELECTRIFICATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.

G. FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT – PREISKER COMMERCIAL CENTER Resolution No. 2018-31 was adopted approving a Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Preisker Commercial Center, Tract 6003.

Resolution No. 2018-31 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PREISKER COMMERCIAL CENTER, TRACT 6003.

H. SENATE BILL 1 – ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION ACCOUNT PROJECT LIST Resolution No. 2018-32 was adopted approving the FY 2018/19 Road Maintenance Account Project List for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Resolution No. 2018-32 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE 2018-19 BUDGET ITEM TO INCORPORATE A LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1, THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017.

I. AWARD OF BID NO. 2018/04 FOR THIN MAINTENANCE OVERLAY – VARIOUS STREETS Resolution No. 2018-33 was adopted Awarding the bid for Thin Maintenance Overlay on Various Streets, Bid No. 2018/04, to Granite Construction Co., in the amount of $657,629.

Resolution No. 2018-33 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH GRANITE CONSTRUCTION CO., FOR BID NO. 2018/04, THIN MAINTENANCE OVERLAY – VARIOUS STREETS.

J. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT
Resolution No. 2018-34 was adopted awarding a new Operations and Maintenance Contract for the City of Santa Maria fixed route and demand response services and bus stop janitorial and maintenance services to RATP DEV from Fort Worth, Texas, to become effective July 1, 2018.

Resolution No. 2018-34 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AWARD OF THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, BUS STOP JANITORIAL AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA'S TRANSIT FIXED ROUTE AND DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICES.

PRESENTATION

4. DIABLO CANYON POWER POINT CLOSURE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING. The City Council received a presentation from the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce and San Luis Obispo Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC) regarding the economic impacts and fiscal analysis of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant closure in 2024/2025.

Glenn Morris, of Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), and Mike Manchak, from the San Luis Obispo Economic Vitality Corporation provided an update as to where things stood with the closure and decommission of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (Plant).

Mr. Morris began by saying that the Plant has provided roughly 1,500 jobs, many staffed by employees based in Santa Maria. Local businesses also supported the Plant providing parts for the vehicle fleet, for example. Depending on how the closure works, this income may go away. The Chamber's interest has been about how to work with neighbors to the north to replace the economic productivity and jobs.

Mr. Manchak summarized the impact of the Plant on local economy saying the annual economic impact is approximately $1 billion per year. The Plant has been the largest private employer with 1,500 employees averaging $157,000 per year in wages. In June 2016, PG&E announced the closure would begin in 2024. After closure, the Plant will be decommissioned over a ten-year period. In January 2018, a Joint Proposal with California Public Utilities Commission and PG&E for $85 million to help mitigate closure issues was rejected. In March 2018, Legislators announced SB-1090 to address the $85 million proposal. A consulting firm has been identified to prepare an analysis and facilitate a strategy to deal with the closure. UC Berkeley has begun a statewide study and the cities in San Luis Obispo County will participate. The City of Santa Maria could also opt into the study. Staff hopes to implement a plan to conduct resource asset mapping, regional competitive/attraction approaches, guide community leaders and businesses in the development of an economic strategy, and then measure progress toward the implementation.

Mr. Manchak added that he believed the closing to be a great opportunity to rally everyone into a new and diversified economy. The total project cost is $1.1 million, $762,000 is proposed to be funded by the

governmental agencies in San Luis Obispo County and the City of Santa Maria, and $359,000 is proposed to be funded by businesses and grants. The City of Santa Maria's requested contribution is $135,000.

Councilmember Waterfield asked if current efforts had begun prior to the announcement that the Plant would be closing and if there was any information on re-purposing the Plant.

Mr. Morris responded that there was a coordinating council led by the EVC. The Chamber and City of Santa Maria had recognized early on that the closure was going to have an impact on local economies, and they requested being involved in discussions. Since nothing was guaranteed with regard to funding from other resources, the goal was to seek funds from the community.

Mr. Manchak added that closure of the Plant has become quite public. Efforts in Berkeley are to look at closing this Plant, as well as the San Onofre Plant. SB1090 asks the legislators to go back and look at the proposed $85 million package that would go to communities. Mr. Manchak stated he believed it to be a long shot and not a guarantee of funding. The Chamber and EVC feel strongly that they cannot wait to see if SB1090 passes, and they prefer to be proactive in obtaining financial help. As far as re-purposing the Plant, it has 300,000 square feet of office space, a marina, and other assets that would be useful to create new jobs and help improve the local economy. PG&E commissioned a study in 2013 by Cal Poly. Efforts today will help clarify the results of their study.

Councilmember Boysen asked about the disparity between the amount cities in San Luis Obispo County were contributing and the amount Santa Maria was being asked to contribute. He also asked if the County of Santa Barbara had been consulted.

Mr. Manchak responded that the dollar amounts being presented were contributions each City had suggested for themselves.

Mr. Morris added that the dollar amount for Santa Maria was being proposed by the consultants. A nationwide RFP went out and the firm EVC chose was well known for nuclear plant closure evaluations. They are not on contract yet, but they have come up with these estimates.

City Manager Stilwell stated there had been discussions with the County of Santa Barbara, but they had not yet committed to participating.

Councilmember Boysen suggested bringing the item back when there were firmer costs associated with it and the breakdown was clear. He asked for a legitimate, economic benefit to the residents of Santa Maria by investing in this project before making any decisions tonight.

Councilmember Cordero commented that Santa Maria is home to the largest number of employees of Diablo Canyon and might stand to lose more positions than any other city. He added that he did believe that it was important that Santa Maria be involved in the re-purposing of the Plant, and he supported going forward with the item.

Mr. Morris responded that information from PG&E led staff to believe that about 20 percent of the plant's workforce resides in northern Santa Barbara County.

Councilmember Moats asked how Santa Maria would have any say in Diablo Canyon when all the political decisions would be made by other bodies in San Luis Obispo County. He also asked what the plan was for nuclear waste removal from the site.

Mr. Manchak responded that the decision to close was not made by anyone in San Luis Obispo County.

Mr. Morris added that actual decisions about what would happen with the facility would probably be made at the State and Federal level. The opportunity for Santa Maria would be to be involved in the strategy of repurposing the facility and its surroundings. On-site nuclear waste would not be removed.

Mayor Patino commented that the City of Santa Maria had initially been told that it could not to participate in discussions about closing the plant, and also commented that she did not believe Santa Maria residents should be charged for the closure.

Councilmember Waterfield added that there would be security issues with the on-site radioactive waste.

Councilmember Cordero asked which fund the City would draw from if it participated.

City Manager Stilwell responded that funding would come from Economic Retention Reserves, so it would not be a direct General Fund expenditure.

Mr. Manchak commented that the Federal government gives up to 60 years to decommission a nuclear facility which could allow for new jobs to be created.

Both Mr. Morris and Mr. Manchak offered to do further research and come back with more specifics for the Council to review at a later date.

Public input
Ernest Armenta expressed that the closure issue was an issue for all the cities in San Luis Obispo, and not Santa Maria.

Direction to staff
There was consensus of the Council to direct staff to defer the item until more information was available.

APPOINTMENT

5. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz reported the City Council would be making one appointment to the Library Board of Trustees. There was one (1) vacancy on the Board and two (2) new applications were received from Robert Curry and Helen Galvan.

This items was before the Council at the last City Council meeting on April 3, 2018. Staff was asked if it was feasible to expand the Library Board of Trustees to more than five (5) members. Staff researched the issue and concluded that the five (5) member Board should not be expanded. The City's library was established under the Education Code, and Library funding was tied to complying with the Education Code. Staff's recommendation was to make no changes to the number of trustees on the Library Board.

Mayor Patino asked City Attorney Trujillo for confirmation that the Council could not appoint two new trustees.

City Attorney Trujillo responded that Council had the discretion to appoint more than five trustees because of the City is a charter city; however, future library funding could be jeopardized by not following the Education Code which specifies that a Library Board shall have five (5) members, as well as jeopardizing funding already received for the library.

Councilmember Boysen commented that, being from a non-profit who relies on funding from outside sources, he was aware of potential problems with funding if an entity did not follow the guidelines exactly.

Public input
Ernest Armenta suggested the Council increase the number of people allowed on the City's Boards, Committees, and Council.

Councilmember Moats made a motion to appoint two members to the Library Board. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Cordero expressed concern about changing the number of people on the Board not knowing how it might affect funding and made a motion to appoint Robert Curry to the Library Board for the unexpired term of July 2019. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Boysen commented that would recommend appointing Ms. Galvan.

On motion by Mayor Patino, Helen Galvan was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term ending in July 2019, seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

PUBLIC HEARING

6. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF STORAGE, ETC. SELF-STORAGE AT 2170 SOUTH BRADLEY ROAD. The City Council was to consider an appeal of the Planning

Commission's denial of a Conditional Use Permit (U2017-0002) for Westar Associates to allow a self-storage facility within an existing 23,705-square-foot building on a 2.0 acre site in a PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) district of the Entrada Este Specific Plan. The Appellant and Applicant, Westar Associates, submitted a letter to the City Council withdrawing the Application for the Conditional Use Permit and the Appeal in light of an opposition letter submitted to the City Council from Home Depot. Therefore, the public hearing was not conducted.

7. EXTENSION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE. The City Council conducted a public hearing and considered an ordinance extending Urgency Ordinance No. 2018-06 to impose a temporary moratorium on the use of dwelling units in the R-1 Single Family and R-2 Medium Density Residential Zoning Districts for housing of more than six (6) H-2A workers.

Assistant City Attorney Sinco gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Extending Ordinance 2018-06 for an additional 10 months and 15 days from May 4, 2018 to allow staff time to study the issues regarding H-2A housing. Staff has been holding meetings with stakeholders to try to alleviate concerns about the moratorium

Councilmember Moats asked if an H-2A worker with legal documentation to be in California could obtain a California driver's license.

Assistant City Attorney Sinco responded that he did not believe that was correct, but he would look into it to confirm.

Written communications
There were no written communications.

Public hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Lorena Chavez, Mark Martinez, Carlos Casteneda, Claire Wineman, Paul Allan, Maria Mireles Gonzalez, Alejandra Sanchez, Noe Contreras, Joe Mora, Leo Corona, Aracell Gaspar, and Griselda Cruz spoke against extending the Urgency Ordinance citing the stringent regulations the federal program imposed and their concern for those already under contracts.

Ernest Armenta expressed concern about the jobs being taken away from domestic workers by hiring H-2A workers from out of the area.

Jimmy Wall spoke about employing current residents and the homeless by putting resources together between farmers and the City.

Having no other requests to speak, Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Council discussion
Mayor Patino asked Assistant City Attorney Sinco about home conversions.

Assistant City Attorney Sinco responded that a living room or a garage could, with proper permits, be converted into a bedroom. Thus, four and five-bedroom homes could house additional H-2A workers. A dining area must be provided, but there is no other requirement for a common area.

Councilmember Boysen commented that boarding houses are not allowed without a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). He said he supported a maximum of six (6) people in H-2A housing and allowing the owner to apply for a CUP following the typical process of notifying the neighbors, etc.

Mayor Patino asked what kind of influence the City could have on H-2A housing which is actually a Federal Program.

Assistant City Attorney Sinco responded that the federal program defers to local control.

Councilmember Moats commented in favor of continuing the moratorium for housing of only six (6) workers, and creating more R-3 zones on which to place H-2A housing.

Councilmember Waterfield commented that she hoped to bring neighbors, workers, and stakeholders together to accommodate everyone, particularly the growers who have already contracted for workers. Councilmember Moats asked if the Council could put a new regulation in place prior to the end of the 10 months and 15 day extension.

Assistant City Attorney Sinco confirmed that the extension could be replaced with a permanent ordinance should the Council find a suitable solution to the issues at hand.

Mayor Patino agreed with Councilmember Waterfield.
Councilmember Boysen suggested extending the ordinance and getting the County involved.

Mayor Patino asked if Mr. Sinco had a schedule for the process.

Assistant City Attorney Sinco responded that the plan was to hold the first forum in June followed by monthly forums.

Councilmember Cordero expressed concerns with a ten month timetable since some growers have already planned for a year out.

Community Development Director Ng commented that a CUP process could be accommodated with the addition of required noticing for neighbors.

Councilmember Boysen made a motion to extend Urgency Ordinance No. 2018-06 with direction to staff to bring back a permanent ordinance specifying CUP requirements and accommodating the 2018-19 contracts, and seconded by Councilmember Moats. The extension of Urgency Ordinance No. 2018-06 failed to pass by a 4/5th vote on the following vote: 2-2-1, and therefore, the Urgency Ordinance will expire on May 4, 2018.

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen and Moats
NOES:	Councilmember Cordero and Mayor Patino
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember Waterfield

City Manager Stilwell commented that the original purpose of the temporary moratorium was to create a framework for staff to have discussions with community stakeholders on how to mitigate the impacts of H-2A housing in the R-1 and R-2 zones. Staff will continue to do community outreach and will come back with a recommended permanent ordinance at a later date.

8. 2018 ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT. Director of Public Works Kahn gave a presentation as detailed in the written Council Agenda Report. Each year the Public Works Department administers the Weed Abatement Program removing weeds, rubbish, and other undesirable materials from public spaces. The program reduces health hazards to the public by aiding in fire prevention and pest reduction and helping with upkeep of lots lacking regular maintenance. On March 20, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-21 declaring that certain public and unimproved private lots constituted a public nuisance and set April 17, 2018, as the date Council would hear comments or objections regarding the requirements to remove weeds, rubbish, refuse, and dirt from said properties.

The 2018 City Weed Abatement Program began with Streets and Facilities staff mailing abatement letters to the owners of 223 properties listed in Resolution No. 2018-21. The letter advised owners they had the option to sign and return the letter to the Streets & Maintenance Supervisor as an indication of their intention to accomplish abatement on their own. Their signature would indicate they would continually abate said nuisances in the case of recurrence. Owners of undeveloped lots who could not be reached by mail had their lots posted. Posting was performed within two (2) working days of receiving the returned abatement letter back from the US Postal Service. Staff posts developed lots only at the request of the City of Santa Maria Code Compliance Office or the Fire Department.

Property owners who do not choose to perform their own abatement on their property subject their property to abatement by City contractor and are then charged for the service. Actual City abatement cost, plus an assessment for program administration, would be added to their property tax bill. Reimbursements are collected by the County of Santa Barbara and remitted to the City of Santa Maria.

Written correspondence
There was no written correspondence.

Mayor Patino opened the Public Hearing at 9:12 p.m., and hearing no requests to speak immediately closed the Public Hearing.

Council discussion
There was no discussion by the City Council.

Resolution No. 2018-35 was adopted overruling objections to the abatement and directing the abatement of the nuisances on motion by Councilmember Cordero, and seconded by Councilmember Boysen, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Cordero, Moats, Waterfield, and Mayor Patino.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2018-35 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, OVERRULING OBJECTIONS TO THE ABATEMENT OF WEEDS, RUBBISH, REFUSE, AND DIRT PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 8 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

9. COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE. The City Council considered the preliminary outreach schedule for defining the scope of the comprehensive update to the Santa Maria General Plan.

Community Development Director Ng gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The General Plan is a vision and plan for the City. It lays out the future development of the City based on some required elements such as land use and circulation. There are some items that need approval with regards to State statutes. Part of an outreach process will ask stakeholders in the City what they would like to see. The current General Plan was last updated in the 1990's and now the document must be updated for the next 20 years. Staff plans to approach different organizations such as, but not limited to, the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Good Samaritan for their input.

Planning Division Manager Hostetter reviewed the outreach calendar to begin in May of 2018. A Request for Proposals will be completed. Proposals will be reviewed and costs determined. Staff hopes to bring contracts to Council by the end of 2018 or early 2019.

Public input
Ernest Armenta commented that the outreach meetings should be held within each Council District.

Noe Contreras thanked the Council for considering updating the General Plan, and encouraged them to increase the number of pedestrian paths, provide more multimodal means of transportation, and to disperse commercial development.

Council discussion
There was a consensus of the City Council to have staff begin the update as soon as possible.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Stilwell reported the next regular City Council meeting would be May 1, 2018. Items on the agenda would include a public hearing to approve Measure "A" Program of Projects and a number of proclamations, including the annual Go Rodeo Days proclamation. He reminded Councilmembers and Department Directors to dress in western wear for the next meeting.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Pinwheel Planting hosted by the North County Rape Crisis Center; the Highway 166 Road Dedication; a meeting with Westar representatives; the Strawberry Growers Dinner; the Rodeo Queen dinner; and helped sell newspapers for Day of Hope.

Councilmember Moats reported that he attended the Strawberry Growers Dinner; the Business Education Luncheon; the Elks Rodeo Kick-off; and a meeting with constituents.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended the Pinwheel Planting; the Strawberry Growers Dinner; a LAFCO Meeting; a Dunes Center Reception; and helped sell newspapers for Day of Hope. She also attended the Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership event and the 3rd Annual Latino Legacy event.

Councilmember Boysen reported that he attended a Housing Authority meeting regarding the Depot Street property which will house Veterans, mental health residents, and a few Good Samaritan graduates.

Mayor Patino reported that she attended a meeting with Westar representatives; a breakfast Rotary meeting; a meeting with Dignity Health reps; an agenda review SBCAG meeting; a Veterans Housing and Homelessness prevention program meeting; the North County Subregional Meeting; a SBCAG

Executive committee meeting; Serve Santa Maria event; the Elks Rodeo Kick-off; a couple of H-2A meetings with stakeholders; and the Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Coalition meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

APPROVED:

May 1, 2018
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk